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Commercially available English Language Abstracts are provided for each of the Japanese documents submitted herewith.

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The documents submitted herewith are all discussed in the present specification, except for USP 5,815,722 which is the English language counterpart of Japanese 06-214929 (which is discussed in the present specification). See pages 1-3 and the remainder of the introductory portion of the present specification. It is respectfully submitted that the discussion in the present specification, the English language Abstracts submitted herewith and the citation of USP 5,815,722, constitute an explanation of materiality, as required by the USPTO. It is respectfully requested that the documents submitted herewith be considered and made of record.

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